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# STATE CONVENTION OPENS MONDAY

## *Many Labor Conferences Scheduled Over Week End*

## HOLD THE PHONE

By BILL WILLIAMS

**"Over the Bounding Main"**

SCENE ONE: The year 1938. Mrs. I. M. Somebody's Drawing Room.



Mrs. I. M. Somebody—My dear, how ordinary! Going to Europe on an American ship? Why it just isn't being done! It isn't smart! It isn't fashionable!

Mrs. Guest—But . . . . after all, how can American ships sail and become an influence on the seas if we don't patronize them?

Mrs. I. M. Somebody—How infantile! It is prestige that counts. No one who is anybody goes to Europe on an American ship. I am sailing on the Normandie. I really can't afford, my dear, to be ostracized.

SCENE TWO: 1939.

Office of American embassy in London.

Clerk—I'm very sorry madame, but it will not be possible for you to sail inside of two weeks.

Mrs. I. M. Somebody—Atrocious! I'm an American citizen and I demand that my country look after me properly and promptly.

Clerk—But, madame, we haven't enough American ships to take immediate care of the many people who must return home. You must wait your turn. It is unfortunate and I'm sorry, but we are doing the best we can.

Mrs. I. M. Somebody—It's positively outrageous! Not enough ships indeed! Our government should be ashamed! The idea! Not enough ships in an emergency like this!

Mr. Onlooker—Excuse me for intruding madame, but did you come to Europe on an American ship?

Mrs. I. M. Somebody (Indignantly)—Sir, how dare you address me. I'll thank you to mind your own business.

(Editor's Note)—So . . . it takes a war to make American citizens realize the importance of an American merchant marine.

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**Lewis' Political Break—**

Naturally, when we in the west think of John L. Lewis, his activities in labor and in politics, we must, of necessity, think also of Harry Bridges, his henchman here. Therefore, the Lewis renunciation of Roosevelt and the suspicion that Mr. Lewis scents a republican victory in 1940, suggests that we analyze some of Mr. Bridges' political philosophy and the bearing this philosophy might have on the Lewis break with Roosevelt.

Mr. Bridges made three very pertinent statements during the recent deportation proceedings.

1. That it made no difference to him what a man's party politics were. He could be a communist and a CIO official at the same time and if, being a communist was helpful to CIO activity, that fact was just as important as if he were a democrat or a republican.

2. That he had, more than once, solicited the aid of the communist party, to put over his plans within the arena of labor activity.

3. That he and his "group" had tried to postpone the 1936 maritime strike in order to avoid embarrassment to the Roosevelt campaign.

Add this up and what answer do you get? That communist activity and CIO policy run hand in hand! That communist activity and CIO policy are eager to ride a winning horse, regardless! That Roosevelt may feel that this sort of alignment may be very embarrassing in 1940!

But how can the republican party lie down in the same bed with this CIO-communist brother?

Oh well! Since Hitler married Stalin, anything can happen.

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**Does the Editor Know?—**

A certain and purportedly unbiased metropolitan San Francisco daily, offers a daily feature supposed to expertly analyze labor activity. To be sure, the editor of the paper apologizes in advance for what the writer of this department might say. The very fact that an apology is offered, shows that necessity for an apology.

The author of the daily articles, who, by the way, has never been aligned with labor in any manner until he was swept into it by CIO guild activity, is attempting to make over the American Federation of Labor. His method is destructive criticism. His style is devious, twisting, subtle.

When one realizes that this man's very good friends are Estolv Ward, Harry Bridges, et al, one can discount his mental aberrations. However, this does not absolve the publisher of the paper from investigating a thoroughly biased department that may have an ultimate detrimental effect on circulation.

The one redeeming feature about the whole business is that this gentleman's absurd literary effusions are written in such a highbrow tempo that it is somewhat difficult for an ordinary average citizen to get the gist of them.

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**Was It for Bridges?—**

The International News Service took a secret poll of newspapers represented, at the finish of the Bridges hearing on Angel Island. Twelve papers were canvassed and the question asked, "If you were sitting on a jury in this trial, how would you vote?"

The result was 7 for deportation, 4 against and 1 not voting. Of the twelve representatives canvassed, eleven should have viewed the case strictly as reportorial observers. One of the NO votes is thereby accounted for. We wonder how the representatives of a certain San Francisco morning daily voted.

**Wear your union button at all times and attend your local meetings as often as possible.**

## State Associations to Open Meetings Here This Week

### Large Gatherings Expected at Caucuses of Several International Unions Over Week-End

Previous to the opening of the state federation of labor convention there will be several important state conventions of international unions.

**Plumbers, Steam Fitters**

The northern policy committee of the United Association of Journeymen Plumbers, Steam Fitters and Sprinkler Fitters will open their meeting in the Hotel Oakland at 9 a. m. tomorrow (Saturday) with Jack Spaulding of San Francisco presiding.

Locals from Bakersfield to Eureka, representing 22 in all, will send delegates, according to C. D. Gibbon, secretary.

At 12 o'clock Saturday the executive board of the California State Association of Journeymen Plumbers and Steam Fitters will hold an important session. All plumbers and steam fitters' unions in the state are affiliated with the association. Joseph Creem of Fresno will preside.

**Painters' Meeting**

The state council of painters open their convention in the Oakland A. F. of L. building tomorrow (Saturday) morning at 10 o'clock. There will be sessions all day Saturday and Sunday.

State President J. H. Blackburn of Long Beach says that delegates from 108 unions will attend the convention.

The state council is represented by house painters, sign painters, auto painters, glaziers and carpet and linoleum workers.

**Machinists' Conference**

Representatives of 56 machinists' unions in the state of California, representing the California Conference of Machinists, will hold their two-day convention in the Hotel Oakland tomorrow and Sunday. Tomorrow's session opens at 10 a. m.

As a special attraction Lodge No. 1546 of Oakland will entertain the delegates in the Hotel Oakland, Saturday night. There will be a banquet followed by a floor show.

**Teamsters to Caucus**

A state-wide caucus of teamsters is scheduled in the Venetian room of the Hotel Oakland, Monday night at 8 o'clock.

The teamsters, one of the most powerful groups in the state federation, expect several hundred delegates to attend Monday's meeting.

**Culinary Workers' Meeting**

Sunday morning at 11 o'clock 500 representatives of the culinary crafts in California will meet in special session in Cooks' hall, 226 14th street.

Cooks, waiters, waitresses and bartenders comprise the culinary crafts. Hugo Ernst, vice president of the 10th district, will preside.

**Wiremen to Meet**

California state association of electricians meet tomorrow and Sunday at 1918 Grove street.

The two-day session will be presided over by President C. H. Rohrer, Bakersfield; Al Speeds, Hollywood is secretary.

**Movie Men to Meet**

The annual meeting of the California state theatrical federation will open their session Sunday morning at 10 o'clock in the Blue room of the Hotel Oakland.

John F. Hassler, city manager and Councilman James H. Quinn will address the assemblage as will William P. Fee, president of the central labor council here.

Ben Williams of San Francisco will preside.

**Barbers' Meeting Monday**

Monday afternoon the California state association of journeymen barbers will meet in the Hotel St. Mark at 12th and Franklin streets. Official headquarters of the barbers will be the St. Mark's hotel.

C. E. Loop, Long Beach, will open the session.

Various other groups are expected to organize caucuses to map their program on variety of matters for action during the convention.

## Civil Service In Stockton Threatened

### Former Fireman of Oakland To Lead Attack Against Group Who Threaten Merit System

The international fire fighters' association has taken the initiative in combatting a move that threatens the structure of the civil service merit system.

The movement, active at present in Stockton, if successful there, will have far reaching detrimental effect on the entire civil service setup in the state.

In an effort to combat the Stockton attack which is said to be initiated by a business men's group reported to be sponsored by the merchants, manufacturers and employers' association, the international association has sent Arthur Bergfeld, a former member of the Oakland fire department, as its representative to the Stockton controversy.

**Anti-Labor Groups Sponsor Measure**

The business men's group is specifically sponsoring an act that will remove the firemen from the present civil service merit system. Drastic to the extreme, the act would enable heads of departments to fire any member without allowing the member the right of appeal regardless of the clearness or justice of the charges placed against him.

If put into effect this measure would destroy the system that has been operating successfully for years, throw the fire and police departments into the open political arena, obligating members to political influence and political domination in order to hold their jobs and thereby demoralize the present standard of efficiency which is so vital to public safety.

**"Spoils System" To Return**

The measure would also force financial contributions to political interests at elections that threaten the jobs of incumbent office holders.

The Stockton situation has attracted the interest of public employe groups throughout the state of California because it not only threatens the merit system of public employment but also because it must, of necessity, vitally impair the entire structure of constituted public welfare agencies.

## SERVICES HELD FOR TYPO MEMBER

Funeral services for Amos James Pritchett, who died Monday after a prolonged illness, were conducted Wednesday, under the auspices of Oakland Typographical Union No. 36. Mr. Pritchett was 69 years of age and a native of Kansas. He had resided in Oakland for the last 20 years and was employed at the Tribune until his retirement two years ago. He was on the old age pension roll at the time of his death.

Surviving are his daughter, Mrs. Doris Reynolds, with whom he made his home, and three brothers and three sisters in eastern states.

Cremation followed the services at the Chapel of the Chimes.

## Council Appoints Two On Billings Committee

Fred Hardison and Charles J. Wagner were the two labor leaders appointed by the central labor council this week to serve on the Billings defense committee; William P. Fee, council president, made the appointments.

The Billings defense committee made a visit to Sacramento yesterday to seek the immediate release of Billings.

The California State Federation of Labor, the San Francisco labor council, brotherhood of locomotive firemen and enginemen and the ladies' garment workers are the principal groups seeking the release of Billings.

## RICHARDSON OF FIRE FIGHTERS IN OAKLAND

### Says Los Angeles and San Francisco Firemen Need Organization

George Richardson, international secretary of the fire fighters' association, was in Oakland early this week and spoke to the delegates to the central labor council Monday night.

Richardson is touring the coast on an organizing campaign among firemen. For the past two days he has attended the convention of the fire chiefs in San Francisco.

There are now 600 locals of fire fighters in the United States, Richardson said, representing 45,000 firemen. The only two major cities on the Pacific coast unorganized are San Francisco and Los Angeles, he continued.

Richardson has been international secretary since 1920.

## LAUNDRY WORKERS LIST NON-UNION ESTABLISHMENTS

The membership of the laundry workers, cleaners and dyers and laundry drivers' unions today carried their fight against "unfair" places to the entire labor movement and their hundreds of friends.

A check is being made of all automobiles carrying laundry to and from these non-union establishments and these auto numbers will be published in the Journal at a later date.

Following is a list of non-union cleaning and dying establishments listed on organized labor's "We Don't Patronize" list:

Associated cleaners, 1200 34th street.

Drake cleaners, Chas. O. Hultberg, 146 E. 12th street.

While Front cleaners, 2001 San Pablo avenue.

French Art cleaners, formerly known as Drake cleaners, 1167 65th street.

Consolidated cleaners, 1720 Broadway.

Consolidated cleaners (All).

A. F. of L. leaders ask that you do not patronize the above places.

## Pharmacists Sign Two More Drug Companies Here

Following on the heels of the signing of an important agreement with the Owl Drug company, Ralph Marks, business representative of Registered Pharmacists' Union 1172, announces further organizational progress with the signing of agreements with two more Alameda county concerns.

The Sontag Drug company at Shattuck and Allston way in Berkeley and the Payless Drug company are the latest concerns to sign, giving the unregistered personel a slight increase in wages and the closed shop.

Approximately 25 members of the local are affected by the new agreements, showing noteworthy activity on the part of the union.

## Franklin Endorsed By Two Councils

In a letter to William Franklin, secretary of Milk Wagon Drivers' Union, Local No. 302, Lawrence Cohen, secretary of the District Council Retail Clerks No. 2 writes:

"This is to advise you that District Council Retail Clerks No. 2 of California, meeting in regular session on Sunday, September 10, 1939, did endorse your candidacy for the office of vice president of the California State Federation of Labor, 11th district, Alameda county."

The Central Labor Council of Alameda county unanimously endorsed Franklin at Monday night's meeting also.

## CREDENTIALS SHOULD BE PRESENTED EARLY TO FEDERATION

Delegates to the 40th annual convention of the California State Federation of Labor are requested by the credentials committee to present their credentials as quickly as possible in order to facilitate the work of the committee.

Credentials will be accepted at Hotel Oakland headquarters beginning at 10 a. m. on Sunday and at designated hours when the convention is not in session.

Official convention headquarters will be maintained at Hotel Oakland until closing day, Saturday, September 30.

Delegates who have resolutions to present are urged to turn them in to the secretary's office in the hotel as early as possible to facilitate the handling of material by the printer.

## METAL TRADES COUNCIL PROTEST EXAMINATIONS ON GOVERNMENT WORK

The bay cities metal trades council have instigated a nation wide protest against the enforcement of severe physical examination regulations applying to civilian skilled mechanics applying for work on government projects.

Al T. Wynn, president of the council, complains that physical tests and age limit qualifications are so rigid that it is almost impossible for many workers to obtain these jobs. He said that the physical examinations are on a par with the examinations given marine corps recruits and that the age limit qualifications are similar to those demanded of men enlisting in the service. He claims that these rigid methods will keep many experienced and skilled workers from obtaining jobs and at the same time seriously hamper mechanics needed for revived shipbuilding here.

The council passed resolutions demanding that the age limit be raised or abolished for competent metal workers and that physical examination requirements be changed.

The resolution will be presented to the coming convention of the American Federation of Labor metal trades department in Cincinnati.

## LOCAL TYPOGRAPHICAL UNION MEETS SUNDAY

Oakland Typographical Union No. 36 will hold its regular monthly meeting at Danish hall 164 Eleventh street on Sunday, September 24. The meeting will be called at ten o'clock Sunday morning with President Gerald J. Bonnington presiding.

Don F. Hurd, secretary-treasurer announced the appointment of the sick committee for October. William Bunn is chairman, John Fraser, vice chairman and the committee includes P. C. A. Blair, Theodora Blumer, Charles H. Boek, L. C. Bonnington and F. R. Born.

## Store Clerks Sign Up Courtney's Men's Shop

With the opening of Courtney's Men's shop at 1309 Broadway on September 21, a new agreement went into effect with Retail Clerks' Local 47 according to M. A. Hildebrant, business representative of the union.

Courtney's, carrying a full line of men's furnishings and hats, has expressed a desire to handle merchandise carrying the label whenever available and opened with the union card displayed in the window.

## Painters to Vote On Dist. Resolution

Thursday evening, September 28, the membership of Painters' Union, Local No. 127 will vote on the resolution sent to all locals by District Council No. 16; the resolution asks a revision in the monthly dues.

It will be a special meeting and all members of Local 127 are asked to attend. Meeting to convene at 8 p .m.

## AGREEMENT WITH EMPLOYERS SIGNED YEAR AGO

### East Bay Employers and Building Tradesmen Celebrate Signing Contract

The East Bay Advisory board, representing contractors and builders and representatives of the Alameda County Building and Construction Trades Council luncheoned yesterday at the Athens club in celebration of their first year's signed agreement; the agreement has another year to run before expiration.

Terms of the agreement call for no strikes, lockouts or jurisdictional disputes; no increase or decrease in wages during the life of the contract are also included.

"Since the signing of the agreement last September we have enjoyed the best of friendship with our employers," James H. Quinn, president of the trades council said. "Agreements of this kind should be approved by every building trades council affiliated with the Building Trades Department of the American Federation of Labor. There has been no trouble since the signing of our stabilization agreement."

The agreement expires September 16, 1940.

## CARPENTERS 194 TO CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY

Signalizing almost a half century of progressive activity, Carpenters' Union, Local No. 194 of Alameda will celebrate tomorrow. The forty-first anniversary of the union will be commemorated at an annual dinner to be held tomorrow night at 6:30 o'clock. The scene of the festivities will be Eagles' hall at Alameda avenue and Park street in Alameda.

The Journal offers congratulations to Local 194 for its many years of active service in organized labor and best wishes for a long future of continued success.

## Chain Store and Food Clerks Sign Working Agreement

Hagstrom's chain food stores were the latest group of stores in the east bay area to sign the working agreement of Retail Food Clerks' Union, Local No. 870, Russell Nathan, president of the union said today.

Over 200 east bay food stores are under agreement with the union, Nathan said, affecting approximately 75 per cent of the membership.

Local 870 claims a membership of well over 2,200.

## SCRAP IRON WORKERS ON STRIKE HERE

All scrap iron workers in the east bay area, affiliated with the A. F. of L., were on strike this week for an increase in wages from $4.32 a day to $5.20 a day.

The strike is under the direct supervision of the Northern District Council of Laborers of which the scrap iron union workers are affiliated.

Labor leaders say these men are very poorly paid and are deserving of an increase. Insurance rates, in the scrap iron business, are the highest in the county, labor leaders said, in face of the fact that there is an enormous profit in the scrap iron business.

Representatives of the Alameda County Building and Construction Trades Council are assisting the workers in their campaign for higher wages. The union, this week, turned down a proposal from the employers. Meetings are held daily trying to adjust the dispute.

## Largest Convention in History Of State Labor, Officials Say

### At Least 1,000 Delegates Will Be Seated; Lively Session Predicted; Speakers, Dancing and Entertainment Listed on Program

The 40th annual convention of the California State Federation of Labor will open Monday morning, September 25, in the Oakland Auditorium arena. Official headquarters of the convention will be at the Hotel Oakland.

Mrs. Marie Wallman, wife of Police Chief Bodie A. Wallman, will open the convention by singing America; Monsignor Martin C. Keating, federation chaplain, will deliver the invocation.

Speakers on the program will include Mayor William J. McCracken; John F. Hassler, city manager;



C. J. HAGGERTY

George Janssen, chairman of the county board of supervisors; Undersheriff John Driver; Judge Edward Tyrrell; Earl Warren, attorney general; William P. Fee, president of the Central Labor Council of Alameda county and James H. Quinn, Oakland city councilman and president of the Building and Construction Trades Council of Alameda county.

Following the addresses of the guest speakers, Chairman Charles Real will then turn the convention over to C. J. Haggerty, state president of the federation.

Following is the balance of the program for the week:

Tuesday—Sessions open at 8 a. m. Invocation by Rabbi David Cohen, Temple Beth-Abraham, Oakland. Address by Governor Culbert Olson, followed by general session. At 1 p. m. delegates assemble outside auditorium for trip around the bay and visit to Treasure island. Buses will transfer delegates to Grove street wharf where they will board the boat for the bay trip. Dancing and refreshments on board boat.

Wednesday—Sessions open at 9 a. m. Invocation by Rev. Paul Reagor, First Christian church, Oakland. General session. Nomination of officers. 1:30 p .m., luncheon at Lake Merritt hotel and bus ride for ladies. Afternoon session.

Thursday—Sessions open at 9 a. m. Invocation by Monsignor Keating. Reports of committees. General session. Official photograph. Election of officers and convention city. All day session. 8:30 p. m., convention ball, Ivory court, Hotel Oakland.

Friday—Sessions open at 9 a. m. Invocation by Rev. J. B. Orr, Fruitvale Congregational church. All day session. Reports of committees. Installation of officers. Adjournment.

More than 1,000 delegates will be seated, according to federation officials.

## Meat Cutters Win Cleveland Strike

### Sole Bargaining Rights and Wage Increases Included in Contract Negotiated by A. F. of L. Affiliate

Following a one week's strike against the Hygrade Food Products corporation of Cleveland, Packing House Local No. 500 of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen of North America, affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, negotiated an agreement with the corporation providing for upwards of twenty per cent increased wages for the big majority of employes in the plant, one week's vacation with pay, sole bargaining rights, 32-hour weekly guarantee, seniority rights and overtime pay.

The strike started when the company refused to negotiate with the local, although it was admitted that the union represented a large majority of the workers.

To hinder recognizing the A. F. of L. union the Hygrade corporation started negotiations with their own company union.

But the strike, which was aided by the international office of the amalgamated meat cutters and all of the A. F. of L. unions in Cleveland, soon persuaded the management of the company that union recognition was the best way to deal with wages, hours and work conditions.

## NEW ARRIVAL AT BOB ASH HOME

Congratulations, a whole flock of orchids and best wishes to Bob Ash, secretary of Garage Employes' Union, Local No. 78. And likewise the same happy expression to the Missus. A seven pound boy arrived at Alameda sanitorium on Wednesday morning to augment the happy Ash family.

Mrs. Ash is doing fine, Bob Ash is walking on clouds and little Barbara Ash, 18 months old, is waiting impatiently for mama to bring the little brother home.

## UNION-MADE FIRE TRUCK URGED IN BELLINGHAM

Organized labor in Bellingham, Wash., was mobilized to persuade the local authorities to accept the bid of the American-La France company for a new fire truck for the city.

Initiative in the matter was taken by the international association of machinists, A. F. of L. affiliate, who pointed out that the American-La France company is the only concern manufacturing fire-fighting equipment with which the machinists hold a union shop agreement.

In a communication to the city council the international office of the machinists said that, in addition to being union made, the product of the company is superior to that of other firms.

## Americans Welcome

Despite the proclamation of war, American citizens may enter Canada as usual, it was officially announced by the immigration department. Citizens of Germany will be subjected to special questioning.

## LABOR NEWS ON THE AIR TWICE WEEKLY

**For your information on union labels listen to the labor news broadcast every Monday evening from 5:45 to 6 o'clock, over station KROW and every Friday evening from 6:15 to 6:30.**

**The Monday evening program is sponsored by the Union Label League of Alameda county; the Friday evening program is sponsored by the East Bay Labor Journal.**

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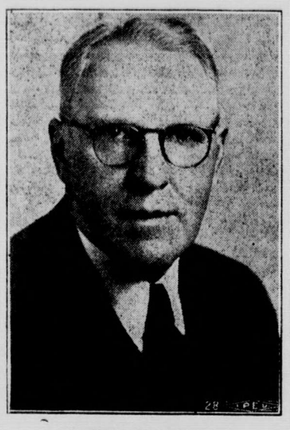
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## Heads Label League



JAMES H. DOYLE

One of the most active workers in organized labor in Alameda county is James H. Doyle, secretary of the union label league. Doyle joined the molders' union over 53 years ago in De Pew, N. Y. He recently gave labor talks before the Loyal Order of Moose of Oakland and the North Oakland Kiwanis club.

He is in charge of the union label exhibit in the Oakland auditorium during the state federation of labor convention.

## Textile Wages Up

Wage-Hour Administrator Elmer F. Andrews this week proclaimed a minimum wage of 32½ cents for the textile industry, which will mean pay boosts for 175,000 workers. Andrews overruled protests of southern employers against the new rate, which goes in effect late next month.

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# Facing the Facts

with PHILIP PEARL

Comes Earl Browder, official head of the communist party in the United States, and testifies there are some 20,000 party members in the CIO. These communists, he boasts, are trained in the techniques of organization and leadership and consequently occupy key positions in the CIO.

Comes Ben Gitlow, former communist party leader, before the Dies committee and spills some more beans. Mr. Gitlow enjoyed doing it. Where Browder's memory was vague on details. Gitlow filled in the blank spaces. The joint story told by these former associates, now enemies, paints the CIO with a double coat of thick, indelible red.

Take the case of John Brophy, executive director of the CIO. In 1924 John Brophy was the bitter enemy of John L. Lewis. They fought for control of the united mine workers. Brophy, says Gitlow, was backed by the communist party. He lost. Then he organized a dual, rebel movement within the united mine workers. Lewis denounced him. He denounced the rebel movement as a communist plot to destroy organized labor.

Twelve years later, after he had formed the C. I. O. as a dual, rebel movement to the A. F. of L., Lewis hired Brophy to lead the insurrection. What was back of this strange alliance? How could these bitter enemies find a common ground? On what basis was Brophy, who had been branded as a communist tool by Lewis, reconciled to becoming Lewis' partner?

**MORE QUEER ALLIANCES**

The communist party itself supplied the answer to these questions. It adopted John L. Lewis, once its most bitter foe. It embraced the CIO and gave the rebel movement the official stamp of approval of the communist party.

If you think it strange that the communist party, which year after year denounced Lewis as the arch labor faker of America, could swallow its words; if you think it amazing that Lewis could erase from his memory the vicious attacks made upon him by Brophy and by the communists; if you think it impossible that people could so far sacrifice principle to expediency, then let us recall to your mind the recent alliance between Stalin and Hitler.

Certainly, if the Stalinites in their fanatical subjugation to dictatorship could make common cause with the apostle of fascism, the instigator of anti-semitism and the most cruel oppressor in modern times, Adolph Hitler, then they could swallow a tiny bitter pill like John L. Lewis.

The evidence shows they have not only swallowed Lewis, but they've digested him. Listen to Gitlow read off the roll-call of the CIO executive board. More than half of these executives, testifies Gitlow, are either members of the communist party or follow the party line.

These facts make a lot of things clear. They account, in the first place, for the formation of the CIO and the attempt to destroy the American Federation of Labor. There could be no other valid reason. No issue advanced by the CIO as the cause for the rebellion could justify the tearing and splitting of the labor movement which was bound to ensue. Only the communists could profit from that.

**THE DEAL**

The whole thing clearly was a deal—one of the vilest in the history of American labor. John L. Lewis made a deal with the communists who hitherto had failed to effect a breach in labor's ranks. The communists made a deal with him. They were to help him in organizing dual unions, in supplying cash and volunteer workers and in campaigning against the A. F. of L. The CIO was to give the communists a foothold in organized labor. That was all they wanted. It was just the same kind of defensive and offensive alliance that Stalin signed with Hitler and, like that vicious pact, the purpose was to give democracy a stab in the back.

Since the CIO was formed, war has prevailed in labor. The American Federation of Labor has made every effort to effect a reconciliation and lasting peace. Public officials, from President Roosevelt down, have taken every occasion to further peace efforts. Public opinion has demanded peace. Business has pleaded for it. But the war in labor still is going on just as strong as ever. Why? What are the mysterious and secret forces that have blocked peace and thwarted every opportunity for reunion?

Again the answer becomes clear with the factual revelation of the extent to which the communists have dominated and determined the CIO policies with the co-operation of John L. Lewis. Neither Lewis nor the communists want peace. The return of the CIO to the A. F. of L. would end Lewis' dictatorship. Naturally, a dictator doesn't give up his domain easily. Peace would also mean disaster to the communists. It would end their participation in and their control over any and all labor groups, for there is no room for communists in the American Federation of Labor. There is the answer. We hope that the sincere and progressive forces in the CIO who have been misled by their leadership will now understand how they have been inveigled into playing some one else's game to their own ruin and to the detriment of organized labor as a whole.

Finally, we can now understand why the leaders of the CIO opposed the Dies committee investigation.

## Annual Convention Held by Technical Engineers, Architects and Draftsmen

**Delegates Support Neutrality and Urge United Effort to Preserve American Democratic Institutions; Rosemund Is Reelected President**

The twenty-second annual convention of the international federation of technical engineers, architects and draftsmen's unions, affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, closed its sessions in Washington, D. C., after transacting a large amount of business in the interest of the members.

President Rosemund's report and resolutions provided a heavy calendar for the delegates.

During the last year a number of important agreements were negotiated by the locals throughout the United States.

The Seattle, Wash., local and the Seattle metal trades council signed a joint agreement with the shipbuilding industry.

Charters were issued during the year to locals in Yakima, Wash.; Bedford, Ind.; Bloomington, Ind., and Contra Costa county, Calif.

In reference to tne international situation and the bearing it may have on workers in the United States, the convention adopted a resolution pledging support to the administration in the efforts being made to preserve the neutrality of the nation, and also went on record urging that every effort be made by the authorities to preserve the democratic institutions of our government.

Interesting addresses to the convention were delivered by William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, and John P. Frey, president of the A. F. of L. metal trades department.

Chicago was selected as the city in which the twenty-third annual convention will be held in June, 1940.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing term: C. L. Rosemund, president; E. T. Lambert, first vice president; James Gilboy, second vice president; F. J. Pratt, third vice president; H. S. Kellam, fourth vice president.

## CIO Unions Fined For Contempt

The CIO Chicago newspaper guild was fined $500 by Judge John J. Lupe on a charge of contempt of court. Judge Lupe held that members of the guild had violated an injunction issued February 7 by Judge Grover C. Niemeyer, whose order forbade the guild to harass advertisers or subscribers of the two Hearst Chicago newspapers which are now combined as The Herald - American, against which a CIO strike has been in progress.

## JAPANESE OPTICAL LENSES HIT BY FTC

Japanese-made optical lenses are falsely marked "Made in U. S. A." and brought into this country by the K. K. Importing corporation, New York, which also sells the misbranded lenses in Cuba, the federal trade commission charged this week.

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## STROKES FROM THE BRUSH OF LOCAL No. 127

By HUGHIE RUTLEDGE

We have had many requests in the office for the addresses of the brothers who are on the sick list so we are at this time going to give a complete list of names and addresses for these brothers. If your friend is on the sick list, why not pay him a visit and cheer him up.

Robert LaBarr, 772 Lydie street; Carl Beeching, 1197 Euclid avenue, Berkeley; C. E. Dunn, 3427 San Pablo avenue; William Van Valer, 5933 McCall street; H. B. McClintick, 8024 Foothill boulevard; C. Ostrum, 2960 Florida street; J. P. Christensen, 1019 Bella Vista; Frank Bonner, 4516 Thompson street; Albert Tedd, 3701 Lilly street; Bill Hawkins, 1224 Hopkins street; E. B. Douglas, 17066 Broadway terrace.

A fine trip was had by fourteen members of this local last Sunday on the annual bass derby. Brother Foster's boat was having a motor overhaul but a fine boat was at our disposal. A wonderful day, but the only thing lacking was fish. Although fishing had been good for the previous week there were only eight fish caught by the entire group. It was just one of those off days when nobody could find them. Most of the time was spent in playing cards and getting rid of a large supply of refreshments. It is hoped that another trip will be made when the fishing is better. Brother R. Clarke took the jack pot with a three pounder, the largest fish that was caught that day by anyone.

Don't forget the firm of Cliff Gates is on the "We Don't Patronize" list of the district council which means that it would be very embarrassing to find a union man in the shop. The representatives ask that the brothers phone in the office any time they see this or any other non-union firm working.

This week-end will see the start of the state conference of painters being held in the labor temple on Saturday and Sunday. This local wishes all success to the conference. After the conference comes the state federation of labor, in session all next week.

The representatives have pulled several large shops this week owing to the job clearance cards not being secured. Also clearance cards from out of town are not being accepted for work and anyone depositing a clearance must wait 30 days before going to work for an out of town contractor.

A special meeting has been called for Thursday, September 28, 1939, to vote on a resolution submitted by the district council. All brothers are urged to attend.

No dues can be accepted from an apprentice who does not have a regular attendance at school record.

A total of nine men has been placed on the big naval base job so far. We expect to increase this each week until a minimum of at least twenty men are unemployed on the first section of the work. After more sections of the entire project are under way it should carry around 100 or more painters.

The entertainment committee reports that refreshments will be served at the special meeting on the 28th.

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M. GUERRA, Secretary. SEE "WE DON'T PATRONIZE" LIST M. S. MAXWELL, President.

## Plumbers and Gas Fitters' Notes

By SAMUEL J. DONOHUE

Plumbing ordinances in the cities of Oakland and Berkeley control the installation of the lawn sprinkling, making it necessary that before the work is started that a licensed master plumber secure a permit from the plumbing department of either of the cities mentioned, should you be in doubt as to who is doing this class of work, you should promptly notify this office and have the job investigated.

The evening trade school classes opened on the 11th of this month and to insure a full attendance of our registered apprentices on the nights designated I have called a meeting of every registered apprentice to determine how many of the apprentices are respecting the privileges provided by reason of their registration in regular attendance and living up to the rules governing apprentices in accordance with the working rules of the organization.

Following this group checkup, a detailed report will be submitted to the committee for consideration and action.

Every member of the local union is supplied with a copy of the working rules attached to their due book, when in doubt refer to these rules as your guide. If further instruction is required, call the office. The telephone numbers are GLencourt 2474 or TWinoaks 2191.

To make the sick benefit movement the success that it warrants, additional support from those who have up to date failed to respond should do so.

**TEACHER KNEW**

Pop—What does your teacher say about your poor homework in arithmetic, son?

Son—She says she'd rather you wouldn't help me with it.

## TERRE HAUTE LAUNDRY WORKERS WIN STRIKE

Officials of Local 192 of the international laundry workers' union, affiliated with the A. F. of L., announced the negotiation of a new contract with Terre Haute laundry owners and the ending of the strike that had been called in connection with the controversy.

The union asked for a two-to-four cent increase in pay, a maximum work week of 48 hours, a week's paid vacation annually, time and one-half for overtime, and seven days holidays each year instead of six in the old contract.

The new agreement includes most that the union demanded, with the proviso that the terms shall take effect gradually during a three-year period.

DEMAND THE UNION LABEL.

## KROGER SIGNS CLERKS CLOSED-SHOP CONTRACT

Officials of Retail Clerks' Union, Local No. 655 of the retail clerks' international protective association, A. F. of L. affiliate, announced the renewal of the union's agreement with the Kroger Grocery and Baking company, St. Louis, Mo.

One of the principal gains over former agreements was the provisions stipulating the closed shop and the requirement that all new employes shall join the union.

**TOO ODORIFEROUS**

Grandpa—The secret of my health is eating onions.

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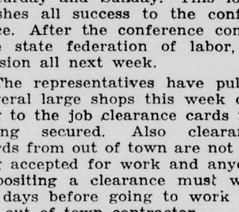
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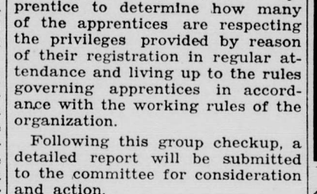
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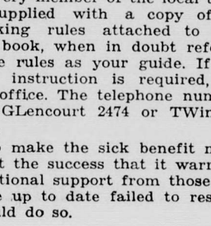



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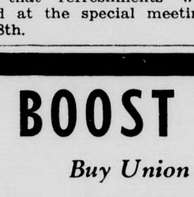



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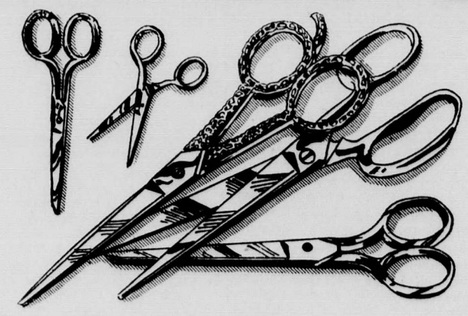
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# THREE NEW DEPARTMENTS FORMED BY RESTAURANT EMPLOYES' UNION

Edward Flore, general president of the Hotel and Restaurant Employes' International Alliance and Bartenders' International League of America and fifteenth vice president of the American Federation of Labor, announced the establishment of three new departments in connection with the operation of that international union.

"The department of education and research, in charge of W. R. Wasson, director," Mr. Flore said, "will formulate and distribute educational material to the membership of our organization, and be clothed with power and authority to gather statistical information in connection with our industry and its operation, which will be supplied to our local unions to aid them in negotiating wage agreements and the adjustment of industrial disputes.

"'The catering industry employee,' official journal of the hotel and restaurant employees' international union, will be edited and published by a managing editor. Harry W. Fox, a member of Culinary Local 337, Cheyenne, Wyoming, will assume managing editorship under the direction of the general secretary-treasurer.

"A legal department has been set up, and Judge Joseph A. Padway, of Washington, D. C., has been designated as the general counsel for the international union. Local unions are privileged to receive any legal opinions that they may require by submitting the same through the office of the general president.

"The general executive board of the hotel and restaurant employees' international union will hold its next session in Cincinnati, Ohio, during the month of October, 1939, for the purpose of selecting a successor to our late general secretary-treasurer. During the interim, W. E. Horne has been designated executive secretary and is in charge of the general office."

## *Spokane Lumber Workers Sign Up Four Companies*

Officials of Local No. 2552 of the A. F. of L. lumber and sawmill workers' union announced the negotiation of agreements with the Diamond, Ohio and Federal Match companies and the Spokane Woodworking company.

In addition to improving the conditions under which the men work, the agreements guarantee seniority rights and provide protection against discrimination of any nature.

The Federal Match company contract requires improvements in the plant designed to add to the safety and comfort of the employes.

# AUXILIARY NOTES

*How the Women Are Helping Through their Organizations*

## Machinists' Auxiliary No. 97

**NOTICE**
Printed matter found at your door with no union label be sent to Secretary Beatrice Bengson, 861 Athens street, or bring it up to the meetings.

**FRYERS**
Hurry and get your tickets, five cents apiece, and help the social committee. Some one is going to be lucky.

**DANCE**
Get your tickets for the dance to be held at Melody Lane, 1618 Franklin street, Friday evening, September 29, tickets 25 cents.

**MYSTERY SISTERS**
Don't forget your mystery sister, because they look for some token on their birthday or anniversary.

**OFFICERS' MEETING**
Officers of 97 met at the home of Louise Ghodossi, September 12. Meeting was called to order by vice president Alpha Fedderson in the absence of our president who came later.

Many suggestions made by the different officers which will be read at our next meeting.

Upon request for information a letter was received from Gardeners, Nurserymen & Florists' Union, No. 1206 stating that McDonald Bros., Telegraph and Claremont avenue was the only union florist in Oakland and vicinity. All other florists are non-union, regardless of what they say.

Meeting adjourned to meet in the month of October at the home of Mildred Hendee. The officers then enjoyed the tasty refreshments of salad, crackers, pickles, olives and two kinds of delicious cakes and coffee. The flowers on the table were very pretty, color scheme was yellow. After the telling of many amusing incidents that actually happened the officers then proceeded homeward. We had two guests, Sister Ghodossi's mother and grandmother.

Sisters Ghodossi and Bengson proved themselves capable hostesses.

**MEETING OF No. 97**
Be sure and attend our regular meeting night, October 4th, and hear the reports of the convention.

**CONVENTION**
Being unable to attend the convention of the ladies' auxiliary to the I. A. of M., a report is lacking.

**SICK LIST**
Best wishes for a speedy recovery to all those on the sick list. Past President Josephine Madsen was reported ill and unable to attend the opening of the convention. We are all extremely sorry and hope that she can be present later in the week.

**NOTES**
Brother and Sister Mildred Hendee are enjoying their vacation. We understand there is some hunting being done.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Hughes and family of Santa Clara were guests of Anna Hoover over the week.

Brother Chas. and Nellie Foley have returned from their vacation.

**SYMPATHY**
Ladies Auxiliary No. 97 extends their deepest sympathy to the family of our late Sister Anna Davis, and her sisters and brother, Mary Logue, Tessie O'Leary and J. J. Dignan.

Buy your flowers at union florists.

## Carpenters' Auxiliary No. 160

**MEETING**
Be sure and attend your next meeting Friday, September 22nd, 8 p. m.

**PICNIC**
A very pleasant day was had at Washington park, Alameda, September 12th, by Ladies' Auxiliary No. 160; plenty of good eats and hot coffee. Gate awards went to Betty Schumate and Mrs. V. Flick; cake award to Mrs. Harrington.

Playing bingo was enjoyed and our guests were Mary Logue, Miss Blaise Christenson and Mrs. V. Flicke and daughter.

Diana Holder was chairman of the day and saw that those attending enjoyed themselves.

**SYMPATHY**
Ladies' auxiliary extends deepest sympathy to Sister Tessie O'Leary in the death of her sister, Mrs. Anna Davis and to the family of the late Mrs. Anna Davis who passed away last Thursday.

Demand the union label and be sure it is a union florist you buy your flowers from.

## *NLRB Probe Committee Appoints Its Staff*

The special house of representatives committee to investigate the work of the national labor relations board in administering the national labor relations act began the preliminary work connected with the investigation on September 11, Representative Smith of Virginia, chairman of the committee, announced. He said public hearings would begin soon and promised "a thorough, fair and impartial investigation in a judicial manner."

Besides the chairman, the members of the special committee are Representatives Healey of Massachusetts, Murdock of Utah, Halleck of Indiana and Routzohn of Ohio.

## RADIOS COST MORE

Radios also have been affected by the speculative fever. The Radio Corporation of America and the Philco corporation this week boosted the price of receiving sets 10 per cent. Higher raw material costs were given as the reason.

DEMAND THE UNION LABEL

# CONVENTIONS OF A. F. OF L. DEPARTMENTS MEET IN CINCINNATI THE LAST WEEK IN SEPTEMBER

The thirty-third annual convention of the Building and Construction Trades Department of the American Federation of Labor will convene at the Netherland Plaza hotel, Cincinnati, Ohio, September 27, 1939, and continue in session from day to day until the business of the convention shall have been completed.

The call for the convention, signed by Herbert Rivers, secretary-treasurer of the building and construction trades department, included the following paragraphs regarding representation:

"No organization that has seceded, or been expelled or suspended by this department, the American Federation of Labor, or by any national or international organization connected therewith, or any local that refuses to join the national or international of its trade, shall, while under such penalty be allowed representation or recognition in this department, or in any local or state council under penalty of suspension of the body violating this section.

"No organization shall be entitled to representation unless such organization is in good standing in the American Federation of Labor, and shall have applied for and received a certificate of affiliation in the building and construction trades department at least three months prior to a convention of this department, and no person shall be recognized as a delegate whose national or international organization is not affiliated with this department."

**Metal Trades Department**

The thirty-first annual convention of the Metal Trades Department of the American Federation of Labor will convene at the Netherland Plaza hotel, Cincinnati, Ohio, September 25, 1939, and continue in session until the business of the session shall have been completed.

The call for the metal trades department convention, signed by John P. Frey, president, and W. A. Calvin, secretary-treasurer, contained the following paragraphs with regard to representation in the convention:

"No organization that has seceded or been expelled or suspended by this department, the American Federation of Labor, or by any national or international organization connected therewith, shall, while under penalty, be allowed representation or recognition in this organization, or in any local metal trades council under penalty of suspension of the body violating this section.

"No organization shall be entitled to representation unless such organization is in good standing in the American Federation of Labor, or this department, or shall have applied for and received a certificate of affiliation of this department. No person shall be recognized as a delegate whose national or international organization is not affiliated with this department.

**Union Label Trades Department**

The thirty-second annual convention of the Union Label Trades Department of the American Federation of Labor will convene in the Netherland Plaza hotel, Cincinnati, Ohio, September 28, 1939, and continue in session until the business of the convention is completed.

The call for the union label trades department convention, signed by Matthew Woll, president, and I. M. Ornburn, secretary-treasurer, contains the following paragraph with regard to representation:

"No organization shall be entitled to representation unless such organization is in good standing in the American Federation of Labor and shall have paid its per capita tax up to and including the month of August immediately preceding the convention, or shall have applied for and received a certificate of affiliation at least three months prior to a convention of the union label trades department and no person shall be recognized as a delegate whose national or international organization is not affiliated with the department."

# REDS ARE LINKED WITH THE CIO

### Gitlow, Former Communist Party Head, Describes Several Leaders of Lewis' Rebel Group As Now Or Once Party Members

Ben Gitlow, former leader of the communist party in the United States, testified before the house committee investigating un-American activities that the communist party was "instrumental to a very large degree" in the establishment of the CIO. He described a number of the leaders of the Lewis group in rebellion against the American Federation of Labor as present or former communist party members, beneficiaries of the party's financial and other support or as generally "followers of the party line."

J. B. Matthews, research expert of the Dies committee, read a list of CIO leaders to obtain from Mr. Gitlow what knowledge he had of their communist affiliation, if any.

Mr. Gitlow's responses, according to a press report, were, in brief, as follows:

Lee Pressman, CIO general counsel—Whether he lends moral or other support to the communist campaign, I think is a matter of common knowledge; Benjamin Stolberg openly charges (in The Saturday Evening Post) that one of Stalin's main men in the CIO is Pressman.

Donald Henderson, head of the CIO cannery workers' union—His party membership is "a matter of public record."

Marcel Scherer, head of the CIO federation of architects, engineers, chemists and technicians—He has been a party member "since the party's inception."

Ben Gold, fur union leader, described as a member of the CIO executive board—He has been "a member of the communist party from 1920 on."

Harry Bridges, west coast CIO maritime union chief — "The chances are 90 per cent that he is a party member and 10 per cent that he is a close co-operator."

Powers Hapgood, head of the CIO shoe workers' union—He was an undercover party member in the nineteen twenties, but later broke away.

Lewis Merrill, head of the CIO office workers' union—"He is a member of the communist party."

Heywood Broun, head of the CIO American newspaper guild—"It is generally stated that he was carrying out communist policies in the trade unions."

Mr. Kitlow said that Sidney Hillman, head of the CIO amalgamated clothing workers, supported the communists up to 1922 but since then had fought them. He added that although he knew many who would "vouch for" the party membership of Michael Quill, head of the CIO transport workers, he had no personal knowledge of it.

Mr. Matthews then stated that Messrs. Henderson, Scherer, Gold, Bridges, Hapgood, Quill, Merrill and Broun were members of the CIO's executive board of forty.

## First Lady Christens Nation's Biggest Ship

The largest merchant vessel ever constructed in this country, costing $17,000,000, and said to be the safest in the world, slid down the ways at the Newport News Shipbuilding company this week. Breaking a bottle of champagne over its bows, Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt christened the ship "America."

The "first lady" read a letter from President Roosevelt, recalling that the program of the maritime commission provides for the construction of 500 ships in 10 years, and that contracts for 100 will have been let by the end of the year. Eighteen have already been launched.


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# 11,000 in Union

## Photo-Engravers Progress

**The constructive growth and achievements of a typical union affiliated with the American Federation of Labor are illustrated in the well-documented report of Edward J. Volz, president of the International Photo-Engravers' Union of North America, to the fortieth annual convention of the union recently held in San Francisco, California.**

**The union's membership enjoys a steady growth, now totaling 11,500, compared with 8,625 ten years ago.**

**Agreements negotiated with employers are the basis of the union's policy for achieving shorter hours, higher wages and improved employment standards. Mr. Volz's report reveals that agreements either consummated or pending cover 48 cities. Twenty-five per cent of the membership have the 35-hour work week, 45 per cent have the 37½-hour week, and the remainder have the 40-hour week. The five-day week has been secured for practically all of the union's members. Wage rates range from weekly minimums of $50 to $65 for day workers and from $52.50 to $78 for night workers.**

**The photo-engravers' union is notable for the financial assistance given to its unemployed members. During the last year the locals paid $1,154,950.05 in benefits to their members who were without work; for the last decade the unemployment benefits have averaged over $1,000,000 per year.**

**The local unions also paid $23,815.19 in sick benefits and $51,665 in death benefits. In addition, the international union expended $36,448.05 for strike and lockout benefits, $18,017 for tuberculosis benefits, $24,400 for funeral benefits, and $121,537.13 for insurance premiums on group insurance for its members—a total of $200,402.18. The combined benefits paid by the international union and the locals for the year totaled $1,430,832.42.**

**With regard to finances the report of Secretary-Treasurer Henry F. Schmal indicates that the officers and members of the union need not lie awake nights worrying as to how they are going to meet their bills. After paying out a total of $353,765.70 during the year the union had a surplus of $315,380.29, all either deposited in banks or invested in gilt edge securities.**

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# CIO Leaders Held Responsible For Division in Labor Family

## Green Tells Street Railway Employes Convention That Lewis Vetoed Peace Agreement; Woll Says Communists Dominate the CIO

President William Green and Vice President Matthew Woll condemned the leaders of the CIO as responsible for the initiation and continuation of division in organized labor at the annual convention at Cincinnati, Ohio, of the amalgamated association of street, electric railway and motor coach employes.

Delegates cheered and applauded as the speakers revealed to them the full extent of the perfidy and duplicity of the instigators of the rebel movement.

Mr. Green outlined in detail the incidents leading to the withdrawal of the CIO unions. He described the efforts of the A. F. of L. to achieve peace. He told of the agreement reached by both A. F. of L. and CIO negotiating committees almost two years ago which was vetoed by John L. Lewis. Then, he said, President Roosevelt intervened and urged both sides to try again. The A. F. of L. representatives, Mr. Green revealed, conceded point after point to the CIO in the interests of peace and harmony, only to see Lewis finally reject his own proposals when it looked as though agreement might be achieved.

"There is no room in the United States for more than one, solid, united labor organization," President Green summed up. "They can have dictatorship and autocracy in the CIO but we will never have it in the American Federation of Labor.

"Once and for all let me say this—the American Federation of Labor will never be governed by minority rule. It will never be intimidated by force. It will never be liquidated and it will never surrender to any rebel force.

"If they want to come back, let them clean house, let them remove the obstacles to peace in their own ranks and then we will welcome them home."

Vice President Woll referred to the testimony of Ben Kitlow, former communist party leader, before the Dies committee as lending confirmation to the belief that the CIO rebellion was a communist scheme to disrupt the American labor movement.

That the CIO and its policies are dominated by communists is now increasingly clear after the revelations that a great number of the dual movement's leaders are either party members or follow the communist party line, Mr. Woll declared.

The speaker drew a laugh when he ironically twitted the communists on the recent Stalin-Hitler alliance. He appealed to those in the CIO who sincerely oppose the fascist and anti-semitic policies of Hitler to disassociate themselves from the CIO because that organization is so closely allied with the communists.

Both President Green and Vice President Woll made earnest pleas for American neutrality in the European war.

On behalf of the amalgamated association, President W. D. Mahon pledged continued and unstinted loyalty to the American Federation of Labor and its policies.

# Electricians' New Peace Machinery Is Hailed As Model

## IBEW Works Out Plan With Emloyers to Adjust Disputes Without Strife

New machinery for the adjustment of disputes in the electrical contracting industry was set in motion this week by the international brotherhood of electrical workers and the labor policy committee of the national electrical contractors' association.

The plan was approved at a meeting in Washington of the association's committee with the officers and executive council of the brotherhood. It was hailed in management and union circles as a model of co-operation for peace in the industry.

President Dan W. Tracy of the electrical workers explained that the new setup succeeds a former arrangement between the union and a limited group of contractors. The revised machinery will cover a far greater number of contractors and a wider area, he said.

**Plan Carefully Worked Out**

First steps toward developing the program were taken last April, when the association organized its labor policy committee to collaborate with the union. At the time President Tracy commended the association for its friendly move.

As now worked out, the plan provides for a national council on industrial relations, composed of five representatives of the brotherhood and five of the association's labor committee, which is to pass on grievances and differences that the union and employers are unable to iron out locally.

"In the past, the limited arrangement we had avoided many strikes and saved thousands of dollars for both sides," Tracy declared. "As improved, the machinery will now serve much more effectively to encourage peace and promote the industry as a whole."

# LONG BEACH PAINTERS SIGN UP 27 EMPLOYERS

Painters' Local Union No. 256 of the Brotherhood of Painters, Decorators and Paperhangers of America, an A. F. of L. affiliate, announced the ratification of the new agreement for operating the painting industry of Long Beach by both the union and the Contracting Painters and Decorators' Association of America. The contract, which provides for a wage scale of $1 per hour and a 40-hour week, has been agreed to by twenty-seven of the most reliable Long Beach contractors.

The agreement is sponsored by a joint committee representing the union and the contractors. A statement issued by the joint committee included the following declaration:

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# CIO AFFILIATION DEFEATED BY TEACHERS

**Convention Also Urges Peace In Labor Movement; Professor Counts Elected President**

The recent convention of the American federation of teachers, held in Buffalo, N. Y., voted unanimously not to concur in a resolution advocating withdrawal from the American Federation of Labor and affiliating with the CIO. The resolutions committee recommended non-concurrence and the convention, without a dissenting vote, upheld the committee.

The convention also adopted unanimously a resolution commending the American Federation of Labor for its efforts to bring about peace in the labor movement.

A resolution opposing amendments to the national labor relations act was referred to the union's progressive educational program for the American public school system.

Senator James Mead of New York, Spencer Miller of the workers' education bureau, and George L. Googe, southern representative of the American Federation of Labor, were among those who addressed the delegates.

The convention elected Professor George S. Counts of Columbia university to the office of president, in place of Jerome Davis.

# Higher Pay Gained By Denver Printers

Denver Typographical Union No. 49 accepted the counter proposition from the publishers of the Rocky Mountain news and the Denver post offering an increase in wages of $2.10 for day work and $1.90 for night work, bringing the day scale up to $45.55 a week for day work and $48.25 for night work, 36 hours to constitute a work week.

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That the negotiations, thus far, have been comparable to bicycle riding between the Maginot and Siegfried lines is perspiringly admitted.

The paint makers' unions have been fortunate in securing the able assistance of the Alameda Central Labor Council and building trades council as well as the painters' international.

This proposed agreement is now in the process of printing. Prior to a special meeting for its consideration each plant will receive a copy for study.

**Events in Europe**

America sees:

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**Of Local Interest**

An active campaign to revive interest in the liberation of Billings, of Mooney fame, with Governor approval.

Next week will see a mammoth state federation of labor convention in Oakland . . . with an undoubtedly "hot" election for several offices.

Today's convening of a splendid three days' state painters' convention . . . also held in Oakland.

We wish to report that as a fishing excursion, last Sunday's painters' bass derby (attended by this Isaac Walton) was a "flop-flop" . . . and we don't mean from bouncing fish scrambled on the deck, either. Anyway it was fun even if Tiny Breakfield did insist on fourteen boxes of bait . . . one of which was used. Brother Hugh Rutledge was extra hot and caught two whoppers, but lost first prize money to Brother Clark's winning one and a half pounder. Most fun was had by those who were not lucky enough to catch these monsters of the deep. Because of a swift tide we used two-pound weights. To rebait, we were more than thrilled as we fought and strained to land our sinkers, says Blackie Miller!

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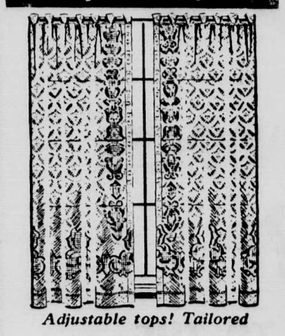
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Wage-Hour Administrator Elmer F. Andrews announced a public hearing for October 2 on the 40-cents an hour minimum wage recommendation of the millinery industry committee appointed by authority of the fair labor standards act of 1938. The committee's report was signed by 14 of the 15 members.

It was estimated that the 40-cents an hour minimum will increase hourly wage rates of approximately 3,500 workers during an average month, or about 5,000 workers during peak periods. The report said this minmum will increase wages paid to the workers in the entire industry by about 1.51 per cent. The industry normally employes an average of 21,600.


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